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I am deeply concerned with NAB's petition 04-160. I feel as though it is my decision to where I receive my local traffic, weather sports and news coverage, and not the decision of the providing parties, nor the government. The local information which XM's programming allows me to receive is always updated and available. No matter what time of day I need weather or traffic information, I have it available to me to aid in my travel and planning decisions. I do not have to wait for commercial breaks to end, or for the specific time broadcast stations break for traffic and weather information. With respect to emergency situations, where I turn for my news information is again my decision, and should not be limited to what providers want you to listen to. XM also offers car kits which use the car's battery power, and "boom boxes" which use batteries to power the XM Satellite Receiver. By using one of these battery options, a loss of power in your area would still allow you to listen to information on the XM Satellite channels. With respect to this petition, I sincerely urge you to reject HR 4026, and rule in favor of XM's ability to provide me with their local programming, to add to the options which allow me to continue to make my own listening choices.

Thank you,

-Rob Clouse